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Proclaim September 27, 2016 as National Voter Registration Day

Voting is a simple yet powerful act and all eligible individuals should exercise their right to vote and become a contributing member of their communities. Issues such as health care, transportation, and taxation are often placed before the voters, and representatives and judicial officials at the local, state, and national level are selected through the election process. Registering to vote is the prerequisite to exercising that right; however, more than one million eligible citizens in Los Angeles County remain unregistered.

National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) was first recognized in 2012 and was a national success. NVRD seeks to encourage eligible citizens to register to vote through nonpartisan community activities, exercise their democratic franchise, and participate in the decisions to elect their representation and shape the policies of their government.

Los Angeles County (County) continues to take on a significant role in this arena and is more invested than ever before. Not only is the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) partnering with several college campuses to promote voter registration among the youngest and often most under-registered demographic in the County, they are also hosting an event in Norwalk and partnering with a number of organizations to raise awareness about voter registration and this important day.

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Additionally, RR/CC is collaborating with the Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Defender, and Alternate Public Defender to highlight the services and programs available, especially for eligible citizens who are incarcerated or who were previously incarcerated and are now eligible to register and participate in the upcoming election.

The Board encourages all eligible citizens to register to vote and take part in activities designed to promote greater participation in the upcoming November General Election.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Proclaim September 27, 2016 as National Voter Registration Day in Los Angeles County and encourage all eligible citizens to register to vote in the upcoming November General Election.

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